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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION
OF OFFICIAL GOV COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 22 CONCERNING
DEVELOPMENTS IN BOLIVIA. TEXT VARIES SOMEWHAT FROM DRAFT
SUBMITTED REFTEL, PARTICULARLY IN MAKING DIRECT REFERENCE
TO GOV CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER LA GOVERNMENTS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE GOVERMENT OF VENEZUELA EXPRESSES ITS
CONCERN OVER THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE FRATENAL
REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA. INFORMATION RECEIVED CONVEYS THE IDEA
THAT A COUP D'ETAT INTENDS TO DENY THE POSSIBILITY OF
DEMOCRATIC NORMALIZATION PROMISED TO THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT GENERAL HUGO BANZER SUAREZ.
WE LATIN AMERICAN BELIEVED IN THE SINCERITY OF THOSE
PROMISES AND IN THE HONESTY OF THE PROCESS, THROUGH WHICH THEY
WERE TO BE CARRIED OUT. ALL OF THE PREVIOUS STEPS TAKEN BY THE
BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT LED TO THE CONVICTION CONCERNING THE
SINCERITY OF THE INTENTIONS WHICH CONVOKED ALL BOLIVIANS TO THE
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ELECTIONS (ALONG) WITH THE RETURN OF EXILES.
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SILENCE
ITS REACTION TOWARD WHAT APPEARS TO BE A TRAMPLING OF THE RIGHT
OF THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES DEMOCRATICALLY AND
A REGRETABLE PRECEDENT FOR THE POLITICAL PROGRESS OF LATIN
AMERICA. VENEZUELA, WHICH HAS REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED ITS
AFFECTION FOR AND FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE,

EXPRESSES ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION,
WHICH WAS INITIATED BY PRESIDENT BANZER IN THE NAME OF THE
ARMED FORCES, WILL BE RESUMED, AND HAS CONFIDENCE THAT THE
ELECTORAL PROCESS WILL BE REPEATED AS REQUESTED FROM THE CENTRAL
ELECTORAL JUNTA BY GENERAL PEREDA HIMSELF. IN THE MEANTIME,
VENEZUELA HAS INITIATED CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER LA GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNING THE INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION WHICH IS UNDERWAY
IN THE SISTER REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA. END QUOTE.

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